

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Application No.:	10/574,662	Confirm. No.:	7643
Filing Date:	November 22, 2006	Examiner:	Carol KOSLOW
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For:	CODING SYSTEM FOR VALUE DOCUMENTS		

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 TO OFFICE ACTION
OF DECEMBER 2, 2009**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is responsive to the Office Action dated December 2, 2009 in the above application wherein claims 1, 3-10, and 12-25 are finally rejected. A Request for Continued Examination is filed concurrently herewith, effectively removing the finality of the rejection of the claims.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.